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1. ACTING HEAD OF BRITISH INTERESTS SECTION PETER DONOVAN REITERATED TO ME SEPTEMBER 11 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AUTHORITY OVER ONE WEEK AGO TO INFORM GOI OF FOREIGN OFFICE APPROVAL THAT LEVEL OF RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION BE RAISED TO FIRST SECRETARY. HE SAID HE HAD NOT YET INFORMED GOI BECAUSE OF MANNER IN WHICH BRITISH INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY HAD BEEN CLOSED. UKINT HAD RECEIVED NOTE IN MID- AUGUST THAT INSTITUTE WAS TO CLOSE BUT GIVEN NO EXPLANATION. DONOVAN HAD SOUGHT CLARIFICATION FROM HEAD OF CULTURAL DIVISION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, BUT WAS TOLD FOREIGN MINISTRY DID NOT KNOW REASON EITHER. THAT IS WHERE MATTER STANDS.

2. DONOVAN CLARIFIED MY EARLIER MISUNDERSTANDING BY CONFIRMING THAT BRITISH CONSIDER UPGRADING INTERESTS SECTIONS RECIPROCAL, NOT UNILATERAL, MATTER (REFTEL). HOWEVER, CONFLICTING INFO ON WHAT UK HAS THUS FAR AGREED TO REMAINS. I DID NOT MENTION CONTENTS REFTEL HERE.

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